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Dear Neil:

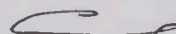
Belated thanks for your interesting letter and enclosures of November 25. Sorry I've been so slow in getting back to you, but I've been swamped with a number of public policy issues.

Let me say to begin with how pleased I am at your progress and warm congratulations. I've taken the liberty of sending your Merlin material to someone very knowledgeable in the publishing business, and as soon as I hear back, I'll be sure to let you know.

Meanwhile, please keep in touch and let me know where you are going to do your postdoctoral work.

With every good wish,

Cordially



Carl Sagan

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